

Tennessee Access to Recovery

General Information Packet

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TENNESSEE ACCESS TO RECOVERY BACKGROUND, OVERVIEW AND GOALS

Access to Recovery is a Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) federal discretionary grant which has its origins in the federal government's commitment to provide alcohol and drug treatment and recovery support services to more individuals in need. It incorporates the President's commitment to including the faith-based community in the provision of social services, to consumer choice, and to payment for services through vouchers.

Tennessee was one of over sixty states, territories, and tribal organizations to apply to SAMHSA for this funding, and we were one of fourteen states and one tribal organization to be awarded funds. Tennessee was awarded \$5.9 million annually for a three year project period for a total award of \$17.8 million. Tennessee Access to Recovery will provide service vouchers to eligible consumers for treatment services and for recovery support services. Treatment services are targeted to eligible adults with a methamphetamine, crack cocaine, and/or cocaine abuse or dependence diagnosis. Recovery support services are targeted to eligible adults, regardless of substance of abuse/addiction, who require these services to support their recovery and/or to prevent relapse.

Goals of Tennessee Access to Recovery are as follows:

- 1) To expand consumer access to a wide array of treatment and recovery support services resulting in an increase in consumers served,
- 2) To assure consumer choice of provider through issuing payment vouchers for services,
- 3) To expand the array of treatment and recovery providers to include secular, faith-based, for-profit, not-for-profit, and government entities, and
- 4) To increase the number of state authorized service providers.

TN-ATR AUTHORIZED PROVIDER REQUIREMENTS

- 1) Sign the Bureau's Authorization to Vendor purchase agreement
- 2) Participate in all Bureau TN-ATR trainings and meetings
- 3) Offer consumers a genuine, free, and independent choice as to service provider
- 4) Screen consumers to assure they meet TN-ATR eligibility requirements
- 5) Assure all consumers have received an assessment per TN-ATR requirements
- 6) Enroll consumers for services, issue vouchers, report service encounters, and report GPRA data via the Bureau's web-based system (TN-WITS)
- 7) Monitor, collect, and report required GPRA consumer data in a timely manner
- 8) Collect and document random urine screens
- 9) Maintain strict confidentiality of consumer records and comply with HIPAA requirements regarding the electronic transmission of consumer information

All state and federal requirements will be specified in the "Authorization to Vendor" purchase agreement which all providers will sign following the Bureau certification as meeting eligibility criteria to be an authorized network provider.

Treatment Providers

TENNESSEE ACCESS TO RECOVERY (TN-ATR) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR TREATMENT PROVIDERS

- 1) All treatment providers must be licensed by the Tennessee Department of Health as an Alcohol and Drug Treatment Facility at the appropriate level of care according to authorized ATR services.

TENNESSEE ACCESS TO RECOVERY (TN-ATR) CONSUMER ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR TREATMENT SERVICES

All consumers must meet the following criteria:

- a. Be residents of Tennessee and age 18 and older, and
- b. Have median family income or below* and no private insurance coverage for the required services or private insurance coverage for the required services has been exhausted, and
- c. Have an initial screening indicating the likelihood of current methamphetamine and/or cocaine abuse or dependence requiring treatment services provided through ATR covered services, and
- d. Have a comprehensive clinical assessment indicating the severity of the problems and the specific level of treatment services covered by ATR, and
- e. Have a current primary or secondary methamphetamine and/or cocaine abuse or dependency diagnosis.

* Median family income based on family size:

- 1 person family = \$29,147 or below
- 2 person family = \$38,115 or below
- 3 person family = \$47,084 or below
- 4 person family = \$56,052 or below
- 5 person family = \$65,020 or below
- 6 person family = \$73,989 or below
- 7 person family = \$74,998 or below
- 8 person family = \$76,007 or below
- 9 person family = \$77,016 or below
- 10 person family = \$78,025 or below

Recovery Support Service Providers

TENNESSEE ACCESS TO RECOVERY (TN-ATR) ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR RECOVERY SUPPORT SERVICE PROVIDERS

- 1) Be accredited by a nationally recognized organization, e.g. Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) and Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO), for the specific program services authorized or meet eligibility criteria for non-accredited recovery service providers (see #2 below).
- 2) Eligibility criteria for non-accredited recovery support service providers:
 - a. Registration with Secretary of State's office
 - b. Recovery support services offered are clearly differentiated from professional clinical treatment services.
 - c. The provider has the governance and fiscal infrastructure to accept, apply, and account for ATR funds and follows good business practices including appropriate registration with the Secretary of State's Office.
 - d. The provider has the appropriate infrastructure to collect and report required ATR data including Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA) data.
 - e. The provider meets all required federal, state and/or local zoning, codes, and other regulations.
 - f. The provider has the ethical framework for guiding employees, volunteers, and consumer interactions that addresses roles, boundaries, supervision, training, consumer rights, and that services offered are safe and there is a plan in place to protect participants from harm
 - g. The provider has a risk management strategy including adequate insurance to cover risks.
 - h. All faith-based recovery support providers must be trained in the "Core Competencies for Clergy and Other Pastoral Ministers in Addressing Alcohol and Drug Dependency" training.
- 3) In addition to criteria #1 and #2 above, faith-based recovery support service providers must train direct service staff in the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMHSA) "Core Competencies for Clergy and Other Pastoral Ministers in Addressing Alcohol and Drug Dependence."

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- d. Have an assessment indicating the severity of problems and which ATR are appropriate, and
- e. Currently require recovery support services to maintain their recovery and/or prevent a relapse.

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